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SUBJECT: IFAD SECRET VOTE ON SITE

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VIENNA FOR WINDER, USDEL TO IDA V

ROME FOR FODAG
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM GERMAN EMBASSY A FRG/UK
PROPOSAL THAT CATEGORY I COUNTRIES LOBBY LDC'S FOR
REVISION OF PROPOSED GOVERNING COUNCIL RULE 35 TO
SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE SECRET VOTE FOR SITE. APPEARS THIS
POSITION HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY EC-9. ITALY, IN REPLY TO
REFTEL, EVINCED STRONG SUPPORT FOR IT.

2. THAT NOTWITHSTANDING USG BELIEVES POSITION STATED
PARA 6 REF A IS VIABLE. WHILE FRG/UK PROPOSAL MERITS
CONSIDERATION AT APPROPRIATE TIME, WE BELIEVE ITS DIS-
CUSSION NOW WOULD BE UNTIMELY AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE
COMPROMISE WE ARE SEEKING TO FOSTER. UNLESS, AND UNTIL
THERE IS INDICATION THAT THE COMPROMISE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE,
WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO CAMPAIGN FOR A FALL BACK. IN
MAINTAINING THIS POSITION WE ALSO HAVE IN MIND THAT,

SECRET VOTE OR NO SECRET VOTE, THERE PROBABLY IS NOT NOW
RPT NOW TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED TO WIN PERMANENT SEAT
FOR ROME.

3. IN DRAWING ON POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 ABOVE, WINDER
SHOULD REITERATE USG'S STRONG CONVICTION THAT POSITION
ESTABLISHED REFTTEL IS POSITION WHICH:

(A) ATTEMPTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF ALL THE FUND'S
MAJOR DONORS;

(B) PROMOTES THE OBJECTIVE OF BALANCED AND EQUITABLE
SHARING OF TOP MANAGEMENT AND SITE AMONG TWO DONOR GROUPS;

(C) CAN HELP RESOLVE AN ISSUE WHICH OTHERWISE WILL RPT
WILL LIKELY DELAY IFAD'S RATIFICATION.

4. SHOULD U.S. POSITION PROVE UNTENABLE, AND IF GROUP
DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH FRG/UK INITIATIVE DESPITE U.S.
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INTERVENTION OUTLINED PARAS 2 AND 3, YOU SHOULD MAKE
CLEAR TO GROUP OUR FEELING THAT AN ATTEMPT BY DC'S TO
FORCE ISSUE AGAINST LDC'S IS LIKELY TO FAIL. (FRG/UK
PROPOSAL SUGGESTS "DIPLOMATIC ACTION OF INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES VIS-A-VIS A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.")
WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS MUST BE COOPERATIVE VENTURE
IN WHICH SELECTED LDC'S WILL ELECT TO CARRY THE INITIATIVE
IN G-77 ON ITS MERITS AND NOT SOLELY BECAUSE OF A
CATEGORY I REQUEST.
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